#### DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

For the Veterans of the Civil War. The Expose of Mr. J. J. Snodgrass With Names, Facts and Dates-A Copies of to Every Grand Army Post in America.

letter with the reply of Senator Hawley, to whom it was submitted. If there is any the President's order or the legislation in favor of the veteran are anything but the merest buncombe to the chiefs and appointment clerks of the different departments, who ignore the one and the other, the letter of Mr. Snodgrass will enlighten them sufficiently, it is to be hoped, to rebuke the party which thus outrages, mocks and insults their intelligence. Here is Senator Hawley's curt acknowledgment of the let-

UNITED STATES SENATE, COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS. WASHINGTON, May 6, 1902.

Mr. J. J. SNODGRASS, No. 521 Twenty-first street N. W., City. DEAR SIR: I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, inclosing copy of letter intended for the press concerning your experience in the Government service, which I return herewith, as requested.

Yours respectfully, Jos. R. HAWLEY. And here is the full and thorough expose of Republican hypocrisy and love of the old soldier as exemplified in the treatment of Mr. Snodgrass and the other veterans whose names he mention: Editor Sunday Globe:

In your valuable paper of date, September 1, last, you gave a complete history of my ill-treatment in the War Department as on file at the White House since July 7, 1890, but which is still awaiting action by the President. You have kindly referred to my case in several editions since that time as well as to the cases of my comrades, Mr. Jones and Joseph L. Jackson, whose ill-

treatment surpasses mine. Many other brave men who fought, endured hardships and sufferings have been made victims by unscrupulous officials whose sympathies are with the enemies of those who maintained the nation and its flag during the dark days of the war. While these officials are kept in power we, the loyal men who saved the nation, cannot expect any just treatment, and after having received unjust treatment, it is in vain that we seek redress, as those doing us injury so color the cause of their treatment of us by false statements so that higher authorities who may be friendly to giving us redress are deceived. What these anti-soldiers, who are in power wish, is only to get us out of Government employ, and then they are sure they can, by false representarequired by the Government. My service to the Government extended from the 18th day of September, 1883, to the 28th day of June, 1899, a period of fifteen years, six months and ten days. Some of those who sit in judgment on me to day were not heard of when I first entered the service of the Government in the Judge Advocate

General's Office, War Department, where my duties to the Government were performed faithfully for the entire period. The year 1808 has gone down in history as the year of rottenness in the War Department, and many of those who participated in that rottenness are still in the department and what such officials would do in a certain year would not scruple to do in another year. It is thus that scandals are continued. Those in the lower positions have to suffer, and so long as these officials are continued in office no redress can be had from those who meted out ill-treatment in either large or small doses. An old soldier may I was serving as a color guard.

W. Call with unjust treatment in giving me | my possession. low ratings on the efficiency record for the The Mr. Morrison, to whom I referred in purpose of securing the advancement over my letter to Mr. Dingley, was the chief high ratings. By this method they accom- by his methods in keeping me out of the plished their purpose and advanced her line of promotion by giving me low ratings over me, although she had come into the and giving his sister high ratings, he sucoffice over nine years after I entered it. In ceeded in having her advanced over me on order to get rid of me they preferred charges the 22nd of August, 1898, although, as I against me. I sent a communication to have heretofore stated, she had come into of War, asking him to send to me the ratings and was advanced over myself contrary to as made by the Judge Advocate General and all civil service rules, as she had never taken sent to his office on the efficiency reports a civil service examination, and by every from the 30th day of June, 1894, to January principle of right and justice was not en-20, 1894, these reports being made regularly | titled to have the preference. withhold them from me to screen their diers. ously false, but they held the evidence of the truth of my charge and the falsity of old soldiers. theirs against me and would not give it up. The day after he secured the advance-So my communication was treated with ment of his sister over myself, I said to silent contempt.

I charged General Lieber, the Judge Ad- this office, and the way I have been treated, vocate General, with writing a deceptive it becomes necessary for me to lay the letter to Congress in order to secure the matter before my soldiers' organizations" creation of an \$1800 clerkship for a particular (meaning the Grand Army of the Republic individual who had aided that official to and the Union Veterans' Union, of which I said individual go on a 'temporary roll" at with the most bitter sarcasm: "You can't \$1800, such being necessary to get a line of threaten me with soldiers' organizations, promotions which would benefit the as- for I don't care a d-m for them.

sistant to General Lieber. the urgent request for the creation of an promotion to the position of lieutenant \$1800 clerkship, created this position and colonel. Congress is expected to confirm George D. Meiklejohn, the Assistant Secre- his appointment during this session. He tary of War, being as deep in the mud as thus expressed his supreme contempt for that official was in the mire-and knowing the brave men who endured hardships, suf-all the facts-appointed the said individual ferings, and even faced death itself, to to the \$1800 position, thus taking money out thwart the purpose of traitors such as he, of the Treasury of the United States to put engaged in the destruction of this great in the pockets of the pets, favorites, friends nation and its flag, of which he is now the and relatives of the heads of the office.

me stating that I "falsely charged in sub- future action of this Congress. stance that the language used in the statement was false and intended to deceive the Congress of the United States."

Defiance of the Administration against me was false as the letter is still in tically applied by every department officreating an \$1800 position for a particular individual who was long previously selected be perused by any one.

by the heads of the Judge Advocate General's office, War Department, in leaving him off the estimates in order to get rid of him. This ill-treatment was perpetrated Mr. J. J. Snodgrass sends us the following upon him by General Lieber; and consumwittingly. When Congress passed the ap old soldier who still hugs the delusion that propriation bill without providing his salary then General Lieber, in violation of law, discharged him. He was protected by Section 1754, Revised Statutes, and in violation of the protection accorded to him by law General Lieber discharged him.

This is only one of the methods employed to get rid of the brave boys who served left in the office, and they kept up their uni ast discriminations against me until I finally resigned, leaving the office from that time to this without a single representative of the great War of the Rebellion on the Union side, but they have one ex-Confederate colonel and many sympathizers of the 'Lost Cause' who have matters all their

I felt keenly the need of some legislation to prevent such an abuse of law and ill. the entire cast, chorus and scenery. There treatment of the old soldiers and I wrote to are over fifty people and two carloads of the Hon. Nelson Dingley, chairman of the scenery. The first scene is taken from the Ways and Means Committee, relating to Paris Exposition, and it is in this that the him the ill-treatment of Mr. Sprague, and singing hit of the season, "Rosey Posey," is incidentally my own. I will quote from that letter, as shortly after I wrote it Mr. Fields' famous doll scene is presented. The Dingley died and nothing was done, except by their using the letter to drive me out of Government employ and blacklisting me from ever holding any position in the War Department. I hold in my possession let. the manicure scene from "Gay Lord Quex" ters to this effect, and which in due time and the famous "Florodora" sextette. will be made public.

I quote from that letter as follows: "Mr. Sprague, a Republican, with the following military record, as per Register of the War Department, is as follows: Enlisted in Company 'F," Fifteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, June 7, 1861; permanently disabled by wounds received at the storming of Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863. Discharged June 25, 1864. Clerk Claims' Commission, War Department, January 20, 1867, to June 30, 1868. Clerk of Class 1, office of the Secretary of War, July 1, 1868, to August 31, 1870. Clerk Quartermaster General's Office, September 1, 1870, to January 31, 1876.

"He was in this office until the Dockery committee, seeking to reduce the expenses of the Government (?) legislated him out of office and he had to go, without any provision being made for him (or his family) by way of transfer, which could easily have been done had it not been intended to throw him entirely out of the service. His previous bravery on the field of battle, in the tions, keep us out regardless of our qualifications or adaptability to perform the duties thing. A sad commentary on what this office does for the brave boys in blue. Mr. Editor Sunday Globe Dockery was of Missouri and Mr. Morrison aided Mr. Dockery to find one clerk whose services could be dispensed with. Mr. Sprague was a faithful clerk or he would Worcester, Mass. not have been so long retained in the Govment-turned out like an old horse to die or live as best he could."

to Mr. Dingley, and on this true statement both Catholics. of facts General Lieber preferred a charge

To show the bitterness of General Lieber, against old soldiers, I will state that he discharged Mr. Sprague who, as I have stated, had the protection of the law, Section 1754. Revised Statutes, he having been discharged on account of wounds received in battle as heretofore stated: there were three other clerks of his class, Class I, who were ask for ever so small a favor at the hands of not protected by law. I consider it the the officials of the War Department and he most flagrant and outrageous treatment of is turned down. For instance, if he asks an old soldier that ever came to my notice. for his military record he is told that he In my own case I was not protected by this must show that he does not wish this record section, but the treatment which I receive d "to be used against the Government" before was equally effective to get rid of me, he can receive it. Although it may be an finally resigning to free myself from their honorable record made by himself on the ill-treatment. I was an ex-Union veteran. field of battle, he is denied it. I asked for having served in both the infantry and this record two years ago and it has not cavalry branches of the military service been furnished yet, although it was as hon- from the state of Pennsylvania, where the orable a record as was ever made by any of official Republican majority was in the last my comrades in arms, being wounded while Presidential election 295,070. I am now blacklisted by the officials of the War De-I charged J. N. Morrison, while he was partment, and forever debarred from either Chief Clerk of the Judge Advocate General's appointment or reinstatement to any posi-Office, and the present Chief Clerk Lewis tion in that department, as per letters in

me of Mr. Morrison's sister, who was given clerk, when he got rid of Mr. Sprague, and Wm. Cary Sanger, the Assistant Secretary the office over nine years after I entered it.

every six months. That communication Her brother was appointed a major in was treated with silent contempt. As these the Regular Army, February 26, 1888, and ratings would establish the falsity of the assigned to the Judge Advocate General's charge made against me, and the truth of Office as the assistant to the judge advocate my statements, they thought it wise to general. He was disloyal to all old sol-

wrongdoing. The charge I made against the He had shown his hostility to Mr. Sprague chief clerks was true and the charge they and by his treatment of myself, which was made against me was wilfully and malici- nothing short of ill-treatment, of the very worst kind, mingled with contempt for all

him "There is no show for an old soldier in

He is a major in the Regular Army and Congress not knowing what lay back of President McKinley recommended him for beneficiary, and expects a higher salary by

General Lieber preferred a charge against promotion to a lieutenant colonelcy, by the "The Busy Corner."

This is the merit system, the Civil Serv ice system and the old soldier preference What I charged was true and his charge system as they actually exist and are pracexistence and proves that I was correct. Be- cial from the President, who promoted sides would Congress, knowing that it was Pension Commissioner Evans to the best office in his gift for robbing and insulting to fill it, have created the position? The the veterans of the Civil War, to the meanletter of General Lieber is in Document No. est, most supercilious and most contempt-12, Fifty-fifth Congress, 3d session and can | ible of the little whipper snappers whose lips are barely sprouting that sexual des-I would like the Senators from the state ignation which their effeminacy in voice, Most Excellent Document to Send of Indiana to take note of the ill-treatment manner and act libels and belies! The perpetrated on one of their brave comrades | contempt these creatures feel for the veteran soldier is modeled on the acts of their high superiors and it is but natural that they look for and receive the approval of an administration which promoted the mated by making Cougress a party to it un- vile libeller and gross maligner of the men who saved the Union, in the dark days of the Civil War, to the best paying office in the gift of the President.

Hypocrisy and deception have been the handmaidens of the Republican party in its professions of love for the soldier, to these the present administration has added undisguised defiance in the promotion of their country. I was the only old soldier the soldiers enemy-H. Clay Evans, and contemptuous indifference as exemplified in the letter of Senator Hawley.

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A Hot One Handed "Mikey."

Will you kindly state that Mikey Louis

worked the Masonic racket for twenty years after being expelled from the order in He imposed on all the Masons in the

ernment service, in the different offices Government Printing Office (Chief Clerk which he filled. I believe he never re- Collins.) Then to stand in with Foreman ceived any appointment under the Govern. Brian he joined the Knights of Columbus, and is now working the latter on the First Assistant Postmaster General and Howley, This ends the quotation from my letter the acting chief clerk, as they are

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